

Polek, Jim

From: Whitson, Amelia
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 4:44 PM
To: Pickrel, Jan
Cc: Pritts, Jesse; Polek, Jim; Smith, DavidW; Greenberg, Ken; Stuber, Robyn
Subject: RE: SCWW permitting

Hi Jan,

Hope you had a good Thanksgiving weekend! SCWW was inspected by California Regional Water Board staff in May 2014 for purposes of assessing their holding ponds' potential discharges to groundwater. The Regional Board's contractors did not inspect SCWW or review their pretreatment permit during their pretreatment inspection of the City of Oxnard in April 2014. Both the Regional Board's and City of Oxnard's inspection reports say SCWW receives and treats domestic sewage in addition to industrial wastewater, and it appears SCWW's pretreatment permit from the City of Oxnard may not have adjusted categorical limits to account for this. We've been looking into this facility's historical compliance status, and we'll let you know if there's a need for any assistance from HQ.

Kind regards,
Amelia

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From: Pickrel, Jan
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 9:06 AM
To: Whitson, Amelia; Polek, Jim
Cc: Pritts, Jesse
Subject: SCWW permitting

Hi Amanda and Jim –

I am getting a lot of questions here [from “above”] to ensure that the Oxnard Green Compass is (was) permitted correctly and if there was any way to prevent the past event from recurring.

A related topic raised is one that has recently been coming up in other Regions and States: the use [or lack of the use] of the combined wastestream formula to account for wastestreams that may be received and treated at the CWT but do not fall within the applicability of the CWT regulations. See 437.1(b).

To this end, I tried to see what the Oxnard facility said they receive, but I found their website somewhat unclear, particularly in light of the frequently stated comment in the press regarding sewage being trucked in for treatment.

Have we done any reviews of the pretreatment permit to see if it is well written?

Have we inspected the CWT?

Thanks!

--Jan

202-564-7904

From: Pickrel, Jan
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 5:54 AM
To: Whitson, Amelia; Polek, Jim
Subject: FW: URGENT: FW: Five people hospitalized after chemical truck explosion in Santa Paula - LA Times

Amelia and Jim –
Please let me know if there is any way or need for assistance.
From what I've read: permits [pretreatment by City, stormwater by state] were issued, some enforcement action taken, EPA EOC / fire/haz mat response to incident.
Any long term issues we should be aware of?
Thanks!
--Jan
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From: Sawyers, Andrew
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 7:47 AM
To: Nagle, Deborah; Pickrel, Jan; Zobrist, Marcus
Cc: Frace, Sheila
Subject: FW: URGENT: FW: Five people hospitalized after chemical truck explosion in Santa Paula - LA Times

I want to ask if we are doing everything we need to do? If not, what can we do?

From: Diamond, Jane
Sent: Sunday, November 30, 2014 11:42 AM
To: Sawyers, Andrew
Subject: FW: URGENT: FW: Five people hospitalized after chemical truck explosion in Santa Paula - LA Times

From: Bromley, Eugene
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 1:45 PM
To: Whitson, Amelia; Stuber, Robyn; Smith, DavidW; Diamond, Jane
Cc: Polek, Jim
Subject: RE: URGENT: FW: Five people hospitalized after chemical truck explosion in Santa Paula - LA Times

All,

This facility is also covered under the State's industrial general stormwater permit.

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Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 1:04 PM

To: Stuber, Robyn; Smith, DavidW; Diamond, Jane

Cc: Bromley, Eugene; Polek, Jim

Subject: RE: URGENT: FW: Five people hospitalized after chemical truck explosion in Santa Paula - LA Times

FYI – this facility is locally permitted by the Oxnard WWTP as a categorical industrial user under the Centralized Waste Treatment category, subject to the pretreatment standards at [40 CFR 437.47](#).

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